

PERCH TALES

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Appreciation, Satisfaction, Success!



Thousands of family fishing scenes, like this one in Vernon, are what CARE Instructors leave as their legacy.

JEFF CARLSON photo.

This has been a great season for both CARE and the Inland Fisheries Division (IFD). Partnerships have led to great Opening Day coverage and excitement. First came MARTY ARMSTRONG's Stamford Advocate articles covering Family Fishing classes. Next came RACHAEL SUNNY, DEP Communications expert, organizing radio and newspaper advertising, plus a media event at the new Valley Falls Trout Park. NECN, WFSB, WTNH, FOX61 and NBC30, plus the Journal Inquirer, all covered this fun event orchestrated by Instructor #003 JEFF CARLSON!

JEFF packed a year's worth of work into one month: teaching a class at Vernon's Center Road School; inviting local officials; securing bus transportation; bringing food and 20 gallons of hot cocoa; running events on-site; starring on TV; photographing the event; and creating CD's for everyone in DEP, right up to Commissioner McCarthy. He even gets a gold star for completing the paperwork!

One month later, Family Fishing Day debuted in Beardsley Park, Bridgeport. Another incredible event attended by 2,714 people! Thanks to Chief Instructor MARTY ARMSTRONG, JOE ARNSON and son JOE, JOHN DELAURENTIS, DICK EMMONS, FRED FRILLICI, TOM NICHOLS, POTKAY. NORM ROBERTS, RAY SCORDATO and JUSTIN WIGGINS. Instructor #511 ARNSON remarked that it was one of the most rewarding days of his life. "I love fishing and I enjoy sharing my love of the outdoors with others. This was a great day and a great place to do just that." I'm sorry we missed the rest of you; you missed a great time! Thanks to CARE Instructor **DIANE JOY** for organizing the entire day complete with Dunkin' Donuts and Subway for all. This was one of the best DEP-run events ever! **DICK EMMONS'** comments appear below:

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"I enjoyed talking with DEP Commissioner Gina McCarthy. Zoo Director Greg Dancho gave me free (zoo) entry passes for families in our Stamford CARE classes. Being part of CARE has enriched my life immensely, as I know it has for Joe Scordato and Norm Roberts. Volunteering for CARE and all of CT DEP's activities for families and kids which introduce them to the outdoors, and fishing in particular, has made me a very proud and happy camper!"

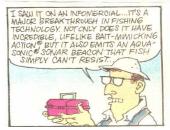
In the meantime, all Chief Instructors on page 3 were busy leading teaching teams across the State. We genuinely offer our sincere gratitude to you all!

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Recent and Upcoming Classes

Status	Class Dates	Chief Instructor	Town	Class Times	Instructor #
OPEN	MAY 1, 8, 15, 19, 2007	LINDA KALISH	STAMFORD	6:30 PM TO 8:30 PM	(203) 762-5557
OPEN	MAY 1, 3, 8, 2007	KEITH TANNER	COLCHESTER	6:30 PM to 8:30 PM	(860) 537-6319
FULL	MAY 5, 2007	JOHN FOLEY	VERNON	8:30 AM TO 9:30 AM	(860) 872-3194
FULL	MAY 5, 2007	RICH MOLASKEY	PLYMOUTH	8:00 AM TO 1:00 PM	(860) 584-2954
FULL	MAY 5, 2007	JOHN FOLEY	VERNON	9:30 AM TO 10:30 PM	(860) 872-3194
FULL	MAY 5, 2007	JOHN FOLEY	VERNON	10:30 AM TO 11:30 AM	(860) 872-3194
FULL	MAY 5, 2007	JOHN FOLEY	VERNON	11:30 AM TO 12:30 PM	(860) 872-3194
FULL	MAY 5, 2007	JEFF ROGALA	VERNON	12:30 PM TO 1:30 PM	(860) 872-7834
FULL	MAY 5, 2007	JEFF ROGALA	VERNON	1:30 PM TO 2:30 PM	(860) 872-7834
FULL	MAY 5, 2007	JEFF ROGALA	VERNON	2:30 PM TO 3:30 PM	(860) 872-7834
FULL	MAY 7, 16, 17, 2007	FRED FRILLICI	BRIDGEPORT	3:30 PM TO 5:00 PM	(203) 371-4237
OPEN	MAY 8, 11, 15	TONY ZEMA	AVON	6:30 PM to 8:30 PM	(860) 674-9594
OPEN	MAY 12, 2007	MARTY ARMSTRONG	BRIDGEPORT	9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM	(203) 334-2508
FULL	MAY 15, 16, 17, 2007	MICHAEL DYNIA	ENFIELD	6:00 PM TO 8:00 PM	(860) 745-9986
FULL	JUN 2, 2007	TOM BOURRET	KILLINGWORTH	9:00 AM TO 2:00 PM	(860) 663-1656
FULL	JUN 8, 2007	MARK DYSART	WINDSOR	7:00 AM TO 4:00 PM	(860) 667-6302
FULL	JUN 8, 11, 2007	TIM IRWIN	EAST HARTFORD	8:00 AM TO 10:00 AM	(860) 528-4401
FULL	JUN 9, 10, 2007	DICK EMMONS	NEW HAVEN	10:00 AM TO 3:00 PM	(203) 357-7505
FULL	JUN 14, 15, 2007	SUE QUINCY	FAIRFIELD	9:00 AM TO 3:30 PM	(860) 736-6067
OPEN	JUN 19, 2007	RICH BEHLING	ELLINGTON	6:30 PM to 8:30 PM	











Connecticut Aquatic Resources Education Program

Student Summary

1/1/2006 **to** 12/31/20

Course #	Instructor Name	Location	WM	WF	BM	BF	HM	HF	OM	OF	Total M	Total F	Class Total
CF 10371	JOHN MASTRIANNI	KILLINGWORTH	17	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	18	2	20
CF 10372	CASSIE CRANDALL	TRUMBULL	11	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	17	28
CF 10373	JOHN MASTRIANNI	NEW HAVEN	0	1	18	7	1	0	0	0	19	8	27
CF 10374	JOHN MASTRIANNI	NEW HAVEN	2	0	16	10	0	0	0	0	18	10	28
CF 10375	ELIZA JOHNSON	KILLINGWORTH	20	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	13	33
CF 10376	ELIZA JOHNSON	KILLINGWORTH	9	8	1	0	0	1	0	0	10	9	19
CF 10377	IAN GIBSON	MERIDEN	10	7	9	1	2	2	0	0	21	10	31
CF 10378	IAN GIBSON	MERIDEN	5	1	4	0	6	2	0	0	15	3	18
CF 10379	CASSIE CRANDALL	KILLINGWORTH	11	10	0	3	1	4	0	2	12	19	31
CF 10380	ELIZA JOHNSON	NORWALK	13	9	0	4	0	2	1	0	14	15	29
CF 10381	ELIZA JOHNSON	NORWALK	11	4	0	3	3	6	0	0	14	13	27
CF 10382	JOHN MASTRIANNI	NORWALK	10	9	2	1	0	0	2	4	14	14	28
CF 10383	JOHN MASTRIANNI	NORWALK	9	5	1	1	1	5	3	1	14	12	26
CF 10384	TONY NORTON	HAMDEN	5	12	5	4	0	3	0	0	10	19	29
CF 10385	CASSIE CRANDALL	BOLTON	33	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	4	37
CF 10386	CASSIE CRANDALL	BOLTON	13	2	14	0	3	0	2	0	32	2	34
CF 10387	ELIZA JOHNSON	NEW HAVEN	2	0	25	20	0	0	0	1	27	21	48
CF 10388	ELIZA JOHNSON	NEW HAVEN	0	0	21	12	0	0	0	0	21	12	33

Course #	Instructor Name	Location	WM	WF	BM	BF	HM	HF	OM	OF	Total M	Total F	Class Total
CF 10389	JOHN MASTRIANNI	HARTFORD	0	0	6	4	1	1	0	0	7	5	12
CF 10390	CASSIE CRANDALL	HAMDEN	17	11	0	0	0	1	1	0	18	12	30
CF 10391	CASSIE CRANDALL	HAMDEN	8	4	5	7	0	2	1	0	14	13	27
CF 10392	ELIZA JOHNSON	NEW BRITAIN	4	1	7	3	2	5	0	0	13	9	22
CF 10393	ELIZA JOHNSON	NEW BRITAIN	0	0	20	11	1	0	0	0	21	11	32
CF 10394	TONY NORTON	LEBANON	8	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	6	14
CF 10395	TONY NORTON	LEBANON	8	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	7	15
CF 10396	TONY NORTON	LEBANON	7	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	9	6	15
CF 10397	TONY NORTON	LEBANON	6	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	7	3	10
CF 10398	TONY NORTON	LEBANON	10	4	1	0	0	0	2	0	13	4	17
CF 10399	TONY NORTON	LEBANON	10	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	6	16
CF 10400	TONY NORTON	BRISTOL	17	10	1	2	3	0	0	0	21	12	33
CF 10401	TONY NORTON	BRISTOL	19	11	2	2	2	2	1	0	24	15	39
CF 10402	JOHN MASTRIANNI	NEW LONDON	7	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	8	4	12
CF 10403	JOHN MASTRIANNI	NEW LONDON	2	0	15	7	3	2	2	0	22	9	31
CF 10404	IAN GIBSON	STAMFORD	13	5	2	2	4	0	0	0	19	7	26
CF 10405	IAN GIBSON	STAMFORD	16	9	1	2	2	0	1	0	20	11	31
CF 10406	ELIZA JOHNSON	HAMDEN	3	13	4	3	0	1	0	1	7	18	25
CF 10407	CASSIE CRANDALL	MIDDLETOWN	12	4	4	2	2	2	0	1	18	9	27
CF 10408	CASSIE CRANDALL	MIDDLETOWN	9	4	2	2	2	0	0	0	13	6	19
CF 10409	IAN GIBSON	BRISTOL	14	13	2	0	1	0	0	0	17	13	30
CF 10410	ELIZA JOHNSON	BRISTOL	20	18	2	2	0	0	0	0	22	20	42

Course #	Instructor Name	Location	WM	WF	ВМ	BF	НМ	HF	OM	OF	Total M	Total F	Class Total
CF 10411	CASSIE CRANDALL	NEW HAVEN	3	2	7	6	2	3	2	1	14	12	26
CF 10412	CASSIE CRANDALL	NEW HAVEN	1	0	9	5	1	1	0	0	11	6	17
CF 10413	ELIZA JOHNSON	BRIDGEPORT	9	11	0	0	0	0	0	2	9	13	22
CF 10414	JOHN MASTRIANNI	NEW BRITAIN	3	1	16	3	3	1	1	0	23	5	28
CF 10415	TONY NORTON	HAMDEN	12	2	0	0	0	2	1	0	13	4	17
CF 10416	ELIZA JOHNSON	SUFFIELD	29	8	0	0	0	0	1	0	30	8	38
CF 10417	ELIZA JOHNSON	SUFFIELD	34	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	35	3	38
CF 10418	ELIZA JOHNSON	SUFFIELD	34	4	3	0	0	0	2	0	39	4	43
CF 10419	JOHN MASTRIANNI	NEW LONDON	9	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	11	1	12
CF 10420	IAN GIBSON	NEW LONDON	3	0	11	10	7	4	0	2	21	16	37
CF 10421	JOHN MASTRIANNI	STAMFORD	7	3	2	1	2	5	1	1	12	10	22
CF 10422	JOHN MASTRIANNI	STAMFORD	8	1	5	5	4	0	1	0	18	6	24
CF 10423	ELIZA JOHNSON	KILLINGWORTH	0	2	5	2	1	0	0	2	6	6	12
CF 10424	JOHN MASTRIANNI	KILLINGWORTH	20	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	22	2	24
CF 10425	JOHN MASTRIANNI	KILLINGWORTH	2	30	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	31	33
CF 10426	ELIZA JOHNSON	KILLINGWORTH	7	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	9	8	17
CF 10427	ELIZA JOHNSON	KILLINGWORTH	6	10	1	0	0	0	0	0	7	10	17
CF 10428	ELIZA JOHNSON	KILLINGWORTH	15	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	15	2	17
Total for	Class Type: CF		593	332	254	148	63	57	29	19	939	556	1,495
Percent of	Class Total By Race:	CF	(W) 61.8	37%	(B) 26	.89%	(H) 8.0	03%	(0) 3	21%	(M) 62.81% ((F) 37.19%	28.92%
F 10298	BILL MOLLICA	FAIRFIELD	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	2	8

Course #	Instructor Name	Location	WM	WF	BM	BF	HM	HF	<i>OM</i>	OF	Total M	Total F	Class Total
F 10304	SUE QUINCY	DERBY	42	77	1	1	2	2	0	0	45	80	125
F 10305	SUE QUINCY	DERBY	20	68	2	2	4	4	0	0	26	74	100
F 10306	SUE QUINCY	DERBY	35	40	2	2	3	3	5	0	45	45	90
F 10309	GEORGE EMANUEL	COLCHESTER	7	10	0	0	0	0	2	2	9	12	21
F 10311	DICK EMMONS	STAMFORD	10	0	2	0	10	6	3	2	25	8	33
F 10313	STAN GRABOWSKI	BRISTOL	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	1	7
F 10314	DICK EMMONS	STAMFORD	21	7	8	3	15	6	0	0	44	16	60
F 10315	DICK EMMONS	STAMFORD	1	0	13	9	2	4	0	0	16	13	29
F 10317	RAY POTKAY	MILFORD	12	12	0	0	1	2	0	0	13	14	27
F 10318	JOHN STASKI	MERIDEN	14	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	15	4	19
F 10320	SUE QUINCY	MONTVILLE	32	97	22	41	25	19	21	15	100	172	272
F 10321	DICK EMMONS	STAMFORD	0	1	2	11	5	5	2	1	9	18	27
F 10322	DAVID SACCHITELLA	GLASTONBURY	9	3	0	0	0	0	3	3	12	6	18
F 10323	MIKE RAYDER	NEW HARTFORD	17	6	0	0	0	0	2	3	19	9	28
F 10324	TOM SAMORAJCZYK	SHELTON	18	10	0	0	0	0	2	0	20	10	30
F 10325	MARIANNE KOZIKOWSKI	WOLCOTT	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	4
F 10326	DICK EMMONS	STAMFORD	0	0	7	5	4	3	0	0	11	8	19
F 10327	JEFF CARLSON	VERNON	6	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	7	2	9
F 10328	DICK EMMONS	STAMFORD	4	6	3	4	2	2	0	0	9	12	21
F 10332	DONNA ROSE SMITH	CORNWALL	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	4

Course #	Instructor Name	Location	WM	WF	BM	BF	НМ	HF	OM	OF	Total M	Total F	Class Total
Total for C	Class Type: F		265	348	63	78	74	57	40	26	442	509	951
Percent of	Class Total By Race:	=	(W) 64.4	46%	(B) 14	.83%	(H) 13	3.77%	(0) 6.	94%	(M) 46.48%	(F) 53.52%	18.39%
HF 10000	GEORGE BABEY	TOLLAND	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	5
HF 10002	RAY GORSKY	TOLLAND	20	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	3	23
HF 10003	DIANNE GRENIER	ANDOVER	14	12	0	0	0	0	4	4	18	16	34
HF 10004	RAY GORSKY	TOLLAND	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	11	11
HF 10005	RAY GORSKY	TOLLAND	0	12	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	16	16
HF 10006	RAY GORSKY	TOLLAND	0	16	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	19	19
HF 10007	RAY GORSKY	TOLLAND	0	13	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	15	15
HF 10008	JOHN FOLEY	TOLLAND	0	14	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	16	16
HF 10009	TAMARA GROSSO	SIMSBURY	80	85	30	28	20	27	15	15	145	155	300
HF 10010	DICK EMMONS	NEW HAVEN	50	50	5	5	5	5	3	2	63	62	125
HF 10011	LAUREN CARRARA	ANDOVER	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	12
HF 10012	DAVID MORDAVSKY	MANCHESTER	19	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	22	1	23
HF 10013	TONY ZEMA	FARMINGTON	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	7
HF 10014	JOHN FOLEY	VERNON	0	19	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	22	22
HF 10015	JOHN FOLEY	VERNON	0	16	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	18	18
HF 10016	JOHN FOLEY	VERNON	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	17	17
HF 10017	GEORGE BABEY	HARTFORD	20	15	10	8	10	7	0	0	40	30	70
HF 10019	CRAIG MERGINS	HARTFORD	2	1	5	4	2	1	0	0	9	6	15
HF 10020	GEORGE BABEY	CLINTON	7	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	6	13

Course #	Instructor Name	Location	WM	WF	BM	BF	HM	HF	OM	OF	Total M	Total F	Class Total
Total for C	Class Type: HF		316	467	92	112	65	69	28	49	501	697	1,198
Percent of	Class Total By Race:	HF	(W) 65.3	36%	(B) 17.	03%	(H) 11	.19%	(0) 6.4	43%	(M) 41.82	2% (F) 58.18%	23.17%
I 10089	DICK EMMONS	STAMFORD	20	10	4	0	13	2	3	3	40	15	55
I 10090	DICK EMMONS	STAMFORD	10	11	1	0	2	0	4	3	17	14	31
I 10091	HARRY COYLE	NEW HAVEN	4	0	3	0	3	1	0	0	10	1	11
I 10094	DIANNE GRENIER	ANDOVER	19	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	21	4	25
I 10099	JIM KYLE	COLCHESTER	11	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	3	14
I 10100	JOE HAINES	RIDGEFIELD	24	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	18	42
I 10101	DAVID MORDAVSKY	SOUTH WINDSOR	14	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	16	0	16
I 10105	TOM BOURRET	COLCHESTER	12	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	13	5	18
Total for C	Class Type: 1		114	51	8	0	20	3	10	6	152	60	212
Percent of	Class Total By Race:	1	(W) 77.8	33%	(B) 3.7	7%	(H) 10).85%	(0) 7.5	55%	(M) 71.70	0% (F) 28.30%	4.10%
SC 10338	FRED FRILLICI	BRIDGEPORT	0	0	3	10	0	3	1	1	4	14	18
SC 10339	FRED FRILLICI	STRATFORD	6	7	4	1	0	4	0	0	10	12	22
Total for C	Class Type: SC		6	7	7	11	0	7	1	1	14	26	40
Percent of	Class Total By Race:	sc	(W) 32.5	50%	(B) 45.	00%	(H) 17	7.50%	(0) 5.0	00%	(M) 35.00	0% (F) 65.00%	0.77%
SP 10360	TONY GOULART III	MONTVILLE	0	53	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	55	55
SP 10361	DAN BARVIR	NEW HAVEN	3	1	30	15	10	8	1	0	44	24	68
SP 10362	DAN BARVIR	NEW HAVEN	2	0	30	12	12	8	1	0	45	20	65
SP 10363	DAN BARVIR	NEW HAVEN	18	12	3	2	2	1	1	0	24	15	39

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SP 10365	CASSIE CRANDALL	NEW LONDON	5	3	14	5	2	1	0	0	21	9	30
SP 10366	STEVE BUTCHER	KILLINGWORTH	55	15	3	0	2	0	0	0	60	15	75
SP 10367	MARK DYSART	WINDSOR	0	75	0	33	0	6	0	6	0	120	120
SP 10368	TOM BOURRET	KILLINGWORTH	24	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	26	2	28
SP 10370	CASSIE CRANDALL	KILLINGWORTH	9	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	2	11
SP 10371	MARIANNE KOZIKOWSKI	BURLINGTON	16	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	19	35
SP 10372	DAN BARVIR	NEW HAVEN	0	0	11	10	2	1	0	0	13	11	24
SP 10373	DAN BARVIR	NEW HAVEN	3	2	21	14	6	2	0	0	30	18	48
SP 10374	DAN BARVIR	NEW HAVEN	2	2	9	6	2	2	1	0	14	10	24
SP 10375	DAN BARVIR	NEW HAVEN	5	3	14	11	5	7	2	1	26	22	48
SP 10376	DAN BARVIR	NEW HAVEN	3	1	21	16	2	2	1	2	27	21	48
SP 10377	DAN BARVIR	NEW HAVEN	5	2	6	5	2	0	0	0	13	7	20
SP 10378	JEFF ROGALA	EAST HADDAM	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	10
SP 10379	JEFF ROGALA	COVENTRY	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	11
SP 10380	DICK EMMONS	MONROE	21	7	8	3	15	6	0	0	44	16	60
SP 10381	DICK EMMONS	MONROE	1	0	13	9	2	4	0	0	16	13	29
SP 10382	DAN BARVIR	NEW HAVEN	4	3	5	2	1	0	0	0	10	5	15
SP 10383	DAN BARVIR	NEW HAVEN	4	2	6	3	2	2	2	1	14	8	22
SP 10385	JOE CERRA	NORWALK	72	20	0	0	8	0	0	0	80	20	100
SP 10386	KEVIN FULLER	NORWICH	24	3	1	0	0	0	2	0	27	3	30
SP 10387	KEVIN FULLER	WEST HARTFORD	16	9	2	1	2	2	2	2	22	14	36
SP 10389	CRAIG MERGINS	EAST HARTFORD	18	16	8	8	6	2	2	0	34	26	60

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SP 10390	TOM PARLAPIANO	HAMDEN	25	35	5	5	2	2	3	3	35	45	80
Total for	Class Type: SP		356	287	211	161	85	57	19	15	671	520	1,191
Percent o	f Class Total By Race:	SP	(W) 53.	99%	(B) 31.	23%	(H) 11.	.92%	(0) 2.85	5%	(M) 56.34% ((F) 43.66%	23.04%
T 10046	SUE QUINCY	HAMDEN	2	13	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	14	16
T 10049	TOM BOURRET	OLD LYME	10	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	1	11
T 10051	GEORGE BABEY	OLD LYME	20	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	5	25
T 10052	GEORGE BABEY	DERBY	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	4
T 10053	TOM BOURRET	OLD LYME	23	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	25	2	27
Total for	Class Type: T		56	24	0	1	1	0	1	0	58	25	83
Percent o	f Class Total By Race:	Τ	(W) 96.	39%	(B) 1.2	0%	(H) 1.2	20%	(0) 1.20)%	(M) 69.88% ((F) 30.12%	1.61%
	tal for All Class Types: rcent of Grand Total for		1,706 29.32% 1	1,516 2.28% 9.8	635 38% 5.96	511 5% 4.84%	308 6 2.48%	250 6 2.24%	128 53.71%	116 46.29%	2,777	2,393	5,170

	KEY TO CLASS ABBREVIATIONS									
CF - City Fishing		F - Standard Courses								
HF - Hooked on Fishing, I	Not on Drugs®	I - Ice Fishing								
SC - In-School	SP - Special Purpose	T - Training								

May 18, 2007

Glenn Marston Director Recreation & Park Dept. Avon Town Hall 60 West Main Street Avon, CT 06001

Mr. Marston,

Re: CARE Family Fishing Class May 2007

Our three children and I, joined several other families for this course at Countryside Park.

We were impressed by the skill and commitment of the volunteer trainers led by Tony Zema, with Mike Rayder, Chris and Noelle Bellucci.

The classes have been informative, interesting, and very useful. The format and techniques used kept the attention and interest of the many kids present, and encouraged them to learn, and undoubtedly they will put that information into practice fishing and stewarding the environment. The instructors went the extra mile taking the trouble to collect and present actual bait and tackle items for the classes.

Most importantly, they maintained a friendly and patient atmosphere, vital to effective learning for all ages.

I have witnessed many courses being taught, and can confidently say that this group of instructors are a treasure that your department, and the Connecticut DEP, should nurture and reward.

Well done.

Sincerely,

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cc. Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection

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Veterans and a Rookie

Spring culminated with the hiring of **JUSTIN WIGGINS**. Justin comes with fisheries biologist credentials from UCONN and fisheries experience in CT, North Carolina and Yellowstone National Park. If you schedule a class, you will get to meet him very soon. Welcome, Justin!

CARE Instructors with 20 years of service were honored at the recent media event at Valley Falls Park in Vernon. JEFF CARLSON, DAVE MAJORS, RICH TAPP, RAY GORSKY, LIONEL MACDONALD, WARREN SPEH, JOHN DELAURENTIS, FRED FRILLICI and

JOE WOZNIAK received letters signed by Governor M. Jodi Rell and awarded by DEP Commissioner Gina McCarthy. BOB SMITH and RUDY CASSETTI were unable to be present. BILL ATKINSON and BILL BABSON were also part of this team in memorium. Congratulations are in order for the fine, innovative and dependable work. Over 44,000 citizens throughout Connecticut are in their debt!

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